



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Nick Claims Project, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0095104 is:

Marlon H. Thompson  
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Winnemucca, Nevada 89446

The facility is located on public land in Pershing County, within Section 30, Township 33 North, Range 37 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 11 miles east of Mill City, Nevada.

The project consists of a placer mine and a physical separation beneficiation facility (NAC 445A.414), designed to extract gold from placer ore excavated on site, with a maximum permitted production rate of 300,000 tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of the mine area, a vibrating screen and sluice box mill, a dewatering sand screw, three (3) synthetic-lined re-cycle water ponds, a steel water storage tank, a make-up water well, and associated conveyors, pumps, and pipelines. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event. It is estimated the facility will disturb approximately 15 acres of public land.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the renewal Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewal permit.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed Water Pollution Control Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative

Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00 PM on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice to:

Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Water Pollution Control Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The draft Water Pollution Control Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Miles Shaw on (775) 687-9409 or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>